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REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 18 and 30-32 have been amended. Claims 37-50 have been added. No claims have been cancelled by this paper. Hence, Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-10, 13-20 and 23-50 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application.

Each issue discussed in the telephone interview between Applicants' representatives and Examiners occurred on July 27, 2006 has been addressed by the amendments.

I. ISSUES NOT RELATING TO CITED ART

Claim 30 has been amended to refer to "computer-readable storage medium". Applicants appreciate the Examiner's informal indication of withdrawal of 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection with respect to Claim 30.

II. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephonic interview was conducted on the above-identified application on July 27, 2006. The participants were Examiners Eleni W. Shiferaw and Taghi Arani and Applicants' representatives Christopher J. Palermo and Zhichong Gu.

The Examiners requested clarification of the term "shorter-lived symmetric key". Examiners indicated that Applicants' proposed claim amendment to Claim 1 with respect to "longer-lived symmetric key" was acceptable. An agreement was reached that Applicants would study for a proposal to clarify the term "shorter-lived symmetric key".

Examiners stated a 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection of Claim 30 with respect to "computer-readable medium". An agreement was reached that Applicants would amend the claim to refer to "computer-readable storage medium".

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Subsequent to the telephonic interview, Mr. Gu sent to Examiner Shiferaw through email a proposal to amend Claim 1 with respect to "shorter-lived symmetric key". Examiner Shiferaw indicated to Mr. Gu through email an agreement to the proposed amendment.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's informal email indication of allowability with respect to Claim 1. Claims 8, 18 and 30-32 have been similarly amended.

IV. CONCLUSIONS & MISCELLANEOUS

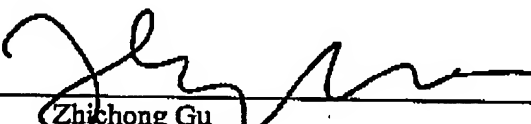
For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone relating to any issue that would advance examination of the present application.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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